

**Subject:** Low Emission Vehicle Mandate

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I do oppose the low emission electric vehicle mandate.

Will this work as intended?

The intended goal of fewer harmful emissions will create an economic burden on many Delaware residents who cannot afford to do so. People may not want to come to Delaware to work. Residents may elect to move to another state, such as Pennsylvania.

What happens when an electric vehicle stops in the middle of Route 95 because the charge drained?

What happens in apartment complexes when there is not enough chargers at a given time to cover everyone ?  
What do you believe will occur – from a human temperament perspective -- ?

The adequate infrastructure to support this effort is not in place and - in my opinion -will not be in place within the time frame of 2035. Our parking facilities are not built to withstand the weight of the new vehicles. Apartment buildings would be very challenging due to the needs and behaviors of human beings. We can all see that people don't always get along for the common good.

The economic impact to the state would be at risk. The job opportunities associated with creating the new infrastructure cannot be judged at this time to offset the impact of people who cannot afford a vehicle and go to work.

I would like to see the effects of battery disposal addressed clearly and honestly. The cost of a battery replacement is an additional consideration.

I appreciate the efforts to improve our environment. Let's stop looking the other way when corporations pollute our state intentionally and without dire consequence. Let's stop developers and DOT from putting blacktop on the rest of our state before it's too late. Where do we expect our birds to go? We do need to move forward with modifications to our way of living. Why doesn't Delaware have good public transportation, like a high speed line North to South? What can be done to address the cost of the electric vehicle and the replacement battery? Can we consider putting in some electrically charging roads?

I do not expect one person in this state would be willing to exercise the right to affect the lives of the residents in this state at this impact level. It is very far reaching, especially to people of low economic status. I respect the intended goal, but I also believe the consequences are a powerful unknown. Please do not put this endeavor as a state mandate.

Respectfully submitted,  
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